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 WPI Acc No: 2000-655129/200063
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Dynamic market equilibrium management system for sale of goods, services, modifies price curve for product in online buying co-op by utilizing data stored in database

Patent Assignee: MERCATA INC (MERC-N)
 Inventor: GUSTAFSSON N ; HALBERT R V ; THRUN J M
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US 6101484	A	20000808	US 99281859	A	19990331	200063 B
WO 200058884	A2	20001005	WO 2000US3838	A	20000215	200063
AU 200029951	A	20001016	AU 200029951	A	20000205	200106

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Abstract (Basic): US 6101484 A

NOVELTY - A merchandising staff client data processing system coupled to a storage device, includes a client software for receiving merchandising staff inputs for defining the online buying co-op for a product. The client software includes the market equilibrium manager to modify a space curve for the product in the online buying co-op by utilizing data stored in database.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An e-commerce server data processing system includes e-commerce server software for defining the online buying co-op for the product. The storage device coupled to the e-commerce server data processing system, has database stored with data corresponding to price, quantity, offer of the product. INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following:

- (a) price curve modification process;
 - (b) price curve modification program
- USE - For sale of goods, services.

ADVANTAGE - The individual buyers are enabled to leverage their combined purchasing power to achieve economic bargain far superior to that attainable by any one buyer acting alone. Each buyer is allowed to increase group buying power. The market equilibrium can be achieved quickly and conveniently.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the graph of price curve.

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Title Terms: DYNAMIC; MARKET; EQUILIBRIUM; MANAGEMENT; SYSTEM; SALE; GOODS; SERVICE; MODIFIED; PRICE; CURVE; PRODUCT; BUY; CO; DATA; STORAGE; DATABASE

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/60

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DYNAMIC MARKET EQUILIBRIUM MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, PROCESS AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE
SYSTEM, VERFAHREN UND HERGESTELLTER GEGENSTAND ZUM DYNAMISCHEN VERWALTEN DES MARKTGLEICHGEWICHTS
GESTION DYNAMIQUE DE L'EQUILIBRE D'UN MARCHE, ET PROCEDE ET ARTICLE MANUFACTURE ASSOCIES

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DYNAMIC MARKET EQUILIBRIUM MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, PROCESS AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE
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English Abstract

French Abstract

L'invention porte sur un systeme de gestion dynamique de l'equilibre du marche specialement adapte a la vente de marchandises et de services via un groupement d'achats en ligne (dit ici "co-op") constitue specifiquement en vue de l'achat d'un produit particulier (102) et definissant une date d'ouverture, une date de cloture, une masse critique, un nombre minimum d'unites offertes, un nombre maximum d'unites offertes, le prix de depart, et la courbe de cout du produit. Le gestionnaire dynamique d'equilibre fait varier (108) le "co-op" suivant les donnees recueillies sur les acheteurs par l'intermediaire de leurs offres d'achat liantes, ce qui permet de prendre en compte l'offre et la demande relatives a l'article a vendre et leur interrelation avec le prix d'achat. Le systeme de gestion dynamique de l'equilibre du marche utilise avec le groupement d'achats en ligne permet de prendre des decisions de gestion a effet immediat fondees sur les donnees reelle du marche. Une interface graphique recevant des donnees d'entree relatives aux utilisateurs permet la manipulation directe sur un ecran des representations graphiques des donnees d'une base de donnees et l'affichage sur cet ecran de donnees variables retroactives, par exemple sous la forme de valeurs numeriques variant lorsque l'utilisateur deplace au moins un point de donnees sur l'ecran.

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Automated guideline execution engine for clinical information system, has binding module to acquire medical data stored in CIS, for implementing action responsive to execution of clinical practice guideline, accordingly

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Inventor: ABARBANEL R M; BERG D R; MANSFIELD J G; RAM P; TAUNK C; THRUN J M ; WU B

Number of Countries: 108 Number of Patents: 002

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US 20050108049	A1	G06F-017/60 Provisional application US 2003503278			

Abstract (Basic): WO 200529252 A2

NOVELTY - The guideline execution engine includes a core engine for executing the clinical practice guideline. A binding module acquires medical data stored in the clinical information system (CIS), for implementing an action responsive to the execution of the clinical practice guideline, based on the medical data obtained from the CIS.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following:

- (1) virtual medical record/action interface system; and
- (2) method for executing a clinical practice guideline.

USE - For executing a clinical practice guideline based on patient medical data stored in clinical information system (CIS) communicating with guideline execution engine using virtual medical record (VMR)/action interface system (claimed), for hospital or clinical care provider to track information about patients and other data utilized in the operation of the care provider.

ADVANTAGE - The guideline execution engine automatically carries out several actions in response to the lab results, thereby supporting dynamic improvements in the efficiency and quality of medical care. Hence reduces the burden on practitioners and the risk of medical error and/or misapplication of clinical guidelines.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows a high-level block diagram of the clinical practice guideline execution system.

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 Title Terms: AUTOMATIC; GUIDELINE; EXECUTE; ENGINE; CLINICAL; INFORMATION;
 SYSTEM; BIND; MODULE; ACQUIRE; MEDICAL; DATA; STORAGE; CIS; IMPLEMENT;
 ACTION; RESPOND; EXECUTE; CLINICAL; PRACTICE; GUIDELINE; ACCORD
 Derwent Class: S05; T01
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Communicating information between seller and buyers in negotiating room associated with on-line group-buying sale by providing flash demand curve to seller and receiving modified price for featured item from seller

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WO 200198997	A1	20011227	WO 2001US19103	A	20010613	200213 B
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 AU 200169820 A G06F-017/60 Based on patent WO 200198997

Abstract (Basic): WO 200198997 A1

NOVELTY - Communications from buyers (402-406) may be transmitted to a first seller via a negotiating room (401a). At least some of the communications may contain offers for the first featured item. A first flash demand curve may be produced for the first featured item using the offers for the first featured item. The first flash demand curve is provided to the first seller for receiving a modified price for the first featured item from the first seller.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are included for:

(a) a method for determining demand for featured item in an on-line group-buying sale

(b) a computer implemented method for processing communications between buyers and sellers in an on-line group-buying sale for a featured item

(c) a computer implemented method allowing buyers and at least one seller to communicate about at least one featured item offered in an on-line group-buying sale

(d) a method for determining a flash curve for a featured item offered by a seller in an on-line group-buying sale

(e) a computer implemented negotiating room system for communicating information between sellers and buyers associated an on-line group-buying sale having a featured item

(f) a system for communications during negotiations between buyers and seller in on-line group-buying sale for a featured item
 (g) a computer readable data transmission medium

USE - For the expansion of group buying over electronic networks, such as the Internet, through a negotiation facility that allows greater communication among individual buyers and between buyers and merchandise sellers in conjunction with group-buying sales.

ADVANTAGE - Aggregates buyer demand for merchandise, provide enhanced, real-time communication among the members of buying groups and among aggregated buyers and sellers. Communicates information between a first seller and buyers in a negotiating room associated with an on-line group-buying sale having a first featured item. The negotiating room provides support for communications about the on-line group-buying sale among the buyers and the first seller.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The drawing illustrates a sample negotiation room in an auditorium chat configuration according to an embodiment of the present invention.

buyers (402-406)
 negotiating room (401a)
 pp; 104 DwgNo 9a/17

Title Terms: COMMUNICATE; INFORMATION; BUY; NEGOTIATE; ROOM; ASSOCIATE; LINE; GROUP; BUY; SALE; FLASH; DEMAND; CURVE; RECEIVE; MODIFIED; PRICE; ITEM

Derwent Class: T01

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Selecting system for choosing network buying cooperative product and service, has rules engine that determines network buying cooperative product and service suitable for display to customer

Patent Assignee: MERCATA INC (MERC-N); VULCAN PORTALS INC (VULC-N)

Inventor: DEAN G C; ENGMAN J C; GUSTAFSSON N ; HALBERT R V ; PACHE J P;
 VAN HORN T; WOODFORD D A; WOODFORD D

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WO 200102992	A2	20010111	WO 2000US3798	A	20000214	200137 B
AU 200034911	A	20010122	AU 200034911	A	20000214	200137
US 6934690	B1	20050823	US 99142471	P	19990706	200556

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Based on patent WO 200102992

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Abstract (Basic): WO 200102992 A2

NOVELTY - A rules engine is configured to access the products and services characteristics repository, and determines at least one network buying cooperative product and service suitable for display to the customer. The product and service characteristic repository is configured to contain data regarding the products and services offered for sale using the network buying cooperative sales procedure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following:

- (a) a method for selecting a network buying cooperative product and service;
- (b) a computer readable medium;
- (c) a system for adding product and service offers to a network;
- (d) a system for prefiltering network buying cooperative products and services;
- (e) a system for selecting product and service to display to a customer on a partner site;
- (f) a method for selecting product and service to display to a customer on a partner site;
- (g) a computer readable medium data structure;
- (h) and a method for displaying products and services to a customer.

USE - Used for choosing a network buying cooperative product and service to display on a partner site from the products and services offered for sale in a network buying cooperative sales procedure.

ADVANTAGE - Enables making the on-line demand aggregation invention more effective by expanding its presence on an item-by-item and product-category basis concurrently to all web communities having an interest in the given item or product category. Enables unprecedented aggregation of demand or super demand aggregation. Permits the super aggregation to occur in a highly efficient and targeted manner. Permits suppliers, distributors, and Internet retailers to create and control their own PowerBuys in order to achieve unprecedented inventory leveling capabilities, directly make real time yield management decisions, and test price sensitivity on new products.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the simplified diagrammatic representation of the model showing how the system expands aggregation through multiple avenues of traffic flow to the Owner's PowerBuys.

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Title Terms: SELECT; SYSTEM; CHOICE; NETWORK; BUY; COOPERATE; PRODUCT; SERVICE; RULE; ENGINE; DETERMINE; NETWORK; BUY; COOPERATE; PRODUCT; SERVICE; SUIT; DISPLAY; CUSTOMER

Derwent Class: T01

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On-line buying co-op method for product/service (e-commerce) in buyer client processing system by transmitting received purchase offer to e-commerce server processing system

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Inventor: GUSTAFSSON N ; VAN HORN T; WOODFORD D

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AU 200033645	A	20001004	AU 200033645	A	20000214	200101	
US 6604089	B1	20030805	US 99270219	A	19990315	200353	
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US 6604089 B1 G06F-017/60 Cont of application US 99270219

US 6631356 B1 G06F-017/00

Abstract (Basic): WO 200055782 A2

NOVELTY - Data is gathered from buyer by making binding purchase offers. It is modified using a pricing tool (24) to take into account the market data in the definition of the price curve. A buyer (28) chooses a product co-op of interest with an option of offer price for purchase. Should the offer price drop to made offer, the price contingency is removed and inventory is allocated to fulfill accepted offer following the closing of co-op.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also include for an aggregating demand system for on-line buying group, an article of manufacture comprising a computer readable storage medium having a computer program, a process for selecting a product/service for an on-line buying co-op.

USE - For e-commerce.

ADVANTAGE - The global creation of buying groups on a purchase basis brings a vast number of potential buyer to the bargaining table, which consequently provides an efficient method of quickly moving large quantities of specific products for suppliers.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows a block diagram of software components for implementing on-line buying group (co-op).

Tool (24)

Buyer (28)

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Title Terms: LINE; BUY; CO; METHOD; PRODUCT; SERVICE; BUY; CLIENT; PROCESS; SYSTEM; TRANSMIT; RECEIVE; PURCHASE; OFFER; SERVE; PROCESS; SYSTEM

Derwent Class: T01

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENHANCING BUYER AND SELLER INTERACTION DURING A GROUP-BUYING SALE
SYSTEME ET PROCEDE PERMETTANT D'AMELIORER L'INTERACTION ENTRE ACHETEUR ET VENDEUR DURANT UNE VENTE COLLECTIVE

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A method and system are provided that enable buyers and sellers to communicate with each other and to negotiate the purchase terms of featured merchandise in a group-buying opportunity (see Fig. 9A). Sellers (503c) and buyers (402, 404, 406) may use various forms of on-line group-buying mechanisms in conjunction with the negotiation features of the invention. Buyers may send various inquiries to sellers regarding merchandise offered for sale through the on-line group-buying sale. Sellers may respond to buyer questions and queries, and in some instances, sellers may communicate instructions to the on-line group-buying mechanism to alter the course of an on-line group-buying sale in progress, e.g., a further reduction in price. The method and system further provides a mechanism for calculating a demand curve based on received buyer offers and applying the demand curve to an on-line group-buying sale.

French Abstract

Cette invention a trait a un procede et au systeme correspondant permettant a des acheteurs et a des vendeurs de communiquer entre eux ainsi que de negocier les modalites d'achat d'une marchandise particuliere lors d'une vente collective (voir figure 9A). Les vendeurs (503c) et les acheteurs (402, 404, 406) peuvent utiliser differents mecanismes de vente collective en ligne conjointement avec les conditions de negociation proposees dans le cadre de cette invention. Les vendeurs peuvent envoyer diverses demandes a des vendeurs concernant les marchandises proposees a la vente dans le cadre de cette vente collective en ligne. Les vendeurs peuvent repondre aux questions des acheteurs et, dans certains cas, ils peuvent communiquer des instructions au mecanisme de vente collective en ligne afin de modifier un processus en cours, par exemple, en annoncant une reduction supplementaire de prix. Le procede et

le systeme selon cette invention portent, en outre, sur un mecanisme permettant de calculer une courbe de demandes d'apres les offres d'acheteurs recues et d'appliquer cette courbe a une vente collective en ligne.

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Selon la presente invention, on cree une cooperative d'achat en ligne (denommee ci-apres "co-op") dans un but specifique d'achat d'un produit particulier en (102) en definissant une date de debut, une date de fin, une masse critique, un nombre minimal quelconque d'unites offertes, un nombre maximal quelconque d'unites offertes, un prix de depart et une courbe de cout du produit. Alors que les donnees sont recueillies aupres des acheteurs, du fait qu'ils font des offres d'achat irrevocable, la co-op est modifiee en (108) a l'aide d'un outil d'establissemement des prix qui permet de prendre en compte pour ce marche des donnees dans la definition de la courbe de prix. Un acheteur choisit une co-op pour un produit qui l'interesse en (114). L'acheteur se voit alors presenter les informations essentielles suivantes, relatives a la co-op: prix courant, date de cloture, niveau de prix suivant (tel que defini par une fenetre de visibilite de la courbe de prix et par la courbe de prix) qui s'avere suffisant pour inciter l'acheteur a faire une offre. Une fois qu'un acheteur s'est decide, une decision doit etre prise en (116) soit d'offrir un prix d'achat qui inclut le prix courant, la disponibilite etant garantie dans le cas ou la masse critique a ete atteinte, soit de faire une offre a un prix inferieur qui peut etre acceptee uniquement si le prix de la co-op chute en dessous de ce niveau, ce qui peut ne pas se produire. Lorsque la decision a ete prise de faire une offre a un prix relativement bas, l'acheteur donne le prix maximum auquel il souhaite acheter le produit en (118). Si le prix courant devient inferieur au niveau auquel l'offre a ete faite, la provision pour variation du prix est supprimee d'une telle offre et en supposant que la masse critique est atteinte, l'offre est acceptee a la fermeture de la co-op en (122), et traitee en consequence. Suite a la fermeture de la co-op en (124), le stock est attribue de maniere a repondre a l'offre acceptee en (126).

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